



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR March 8, 2011**



DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
TIME: 5:13 p.m.
PLACE: ***Meeting Location Changed due to election (Polling Place),
2226 Santa Clara Ave. (Alameda Recreation and Park Department)
Alameda, CA 94501***

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jordan Flores, Vice-Chairperson Samantha Chin,
Commissioner Carrie Huang (Late), Amanda Khoo, Danielle McGuinness,
Jeanette Mei, Mary Orbeta, Leigh Pond (Late).

Absent: Commissioner Bhaani Singh

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2011

Minutes of February 8, 2011, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting

M/S/C Chin / McGuinness (Approved)

“That the Minutes of February 8, 2011 Youth Advisory Commission meeting are approved.”

Approved (8): Chairperson Jordan Flores, Vice-Chairperson Samantha Chin,
Commissioner Huang, Khoo, McGuinness, Mei, Orbeta, Pond, and Singh

Absent (1): Commissioner Bhaani Singh

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

None

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

TC Wong forwarded an invitation from League of Women Voters for the “Meet Your Public Official” event on Thursday, April 14th, at Harbor Bay Community Center. Chairperson Flores stated that he attended the event last year. This event allows the public to speak to their local elected officials. In the past, there were many volunteers who assisted as well as Representatives from Washington D.C. Chairperson Flores, Vice-Chairperson Chin and Commissioners Huang stated that they are interested in attending. RS Russi reminded them to RSVP if they will be attending.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on future AYAC projects

(Discussion / Action)

Chairperson Flores began the discussion for the Youth Commission on planning for future AYAC projects. Flores stated projects should be both short term, and long term. Commissioner Pond stated that in elementary school she remembered a day in the park (Fair) with kids activities, where kids can compete, play, and be more active. RS Russi stated that ACCYF is working on the "Lets Move Alameda" initiative, which is about being more active in and around Alameda. He stated that the Youth Commission can help promote and support the initiative. RS Russi reminded the Youth Advisory Commission to focus more on policies effecting teens, and less on activities/special event planning. Chairperson Flores stated that there was a Public Affairs Forum, that the Commission can host for teens addressing issues around Alameda.

Commissioner McGuinness suggested that the Youth Commission create environmental awareness by hosting a beach clean up and/or adopt a park for beautification/clean up. She also suggested a meeting with teens to voice their concerns once a month or every other month (Similar to the "Alameda Youth Speaks").

Commissioner Huang suggested that to raise awareness and support an anonymous Crime reporting hotline similar to the one in City of Oakland, and maybe having an anonymous Crime reporting hotline here in Alameda. Also, Commissioner Huang suggested sponsoring a boating activity/kayaking experience for youth and families that ties into the "Lets Move Alameda" initiative.

Commissioner Pond stated the Golf Complex can host golf tournaments for youth and that can be a part of the "Lets Move Alameda" initiative.

Commissioner McGuinness suggested two short term, and one long term goals. TC Wong recapped on the discussion and narrowed the goals/projects to the following:

Short-Term:

- 1) Meeting with Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members to discuss what they would like the Youth Advisory Commission to focus on.
- 2) Promoting "Lets Move Alameda" initiative, a collaboration with ACCYF (from the 100 Best Communities) for youth to be more healthy by being more active by completing a series of outdoor activities. This would create awareness on living a more healthier life style with the outdoors.

Long-Term:

- 1) Host a Quarterly Teen Town-hall Meeting / Forum for Youth (Middle and High School students) to meet and discuss their concerns in the City with City Officials.

M/S/C Mei / Pond (Approved)

Approved (8): Chairperson Jordan Flores, Vice-Chairperson Samantha Chin,
Commissioner Huang, Khoo, McGuinness, Mei, Orbeta, and Pond.

Absent (1): Commissioner Bhaani Singh

"That the Youth Commission establish the two short term goals of 1) Meeting with the Mayor and City Council to discuss teen focus. 2) Promoting the "Lets Move Alameda" initiative for a healthier lifestyle through physical activities in and around Alameda.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Community Service Resource Guide for Students (Discussion / Action Item)

The Youth Commission reviewed the Guide. Commissioner Chin requested the AUSD logo from TC Wong. After completely updating the Guide, it will be forwarded to ACCYF and AUSD for review. Once reviewed, the Guide will be formally presented to the School Board for approval and adoption for use.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

TC Wong accounted that AYC will be hosting the following events:

AYC Teen Talent Show, Friday, March 11, at Veterans Building

AYC Teen Dodgeball Tournament, Saturday, March 26, at Alameda Point Gym

Teen Job Skills Workshop, Thursday, April 28, at the Alameda Free Library

TC Wong reminded the Youth Commission of the workshop on “Bullying Prevention in Alameda” scheduled for Saturday, March 12, at Wood Middle School from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. The event is sponsored by City of Alameda, Alameda Police Department, ACCYF, and Alameda Unified School District. The workshop is for parents and youth on Bullying Prevention in Alameda. Topics include: Recognizing the Signs of Bullying, Bullying and Self-Esteem, Cyber-bullying - Identifying and Prevention & Sexting and Texting.

Commissioner McGuinness stated that Saint Joseph Norte Dame High School will host a fundraiser dinner on Thursday evening, March 24, at Linguini's on Park Street.

RS Russi stated that ARPD will be requesting that the Youth Commission support the “Relay For Life” event. ARPD will have a team this year. The event will be held on June 25, 10:00 a.m., through June 26, 10:00 a.m., at Encinal High School Football Field. More details to following at April's meeting.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

9. Adjournment 6:15 PM